

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner advised that the Response filed on May 16, 2005 was not fully responsive because the response did not detail how the amended drawings show the claimed "elastic valve member". The Examiner acknowledges that the "valve member connected to an elastic member" is shown (which Applicant submits is shown in Figures 5 and 6).

With regard to the claimed "elastic valve member", Applicant first invites the Examiner's attention to the Summary of the Invention on page 4, lines 30-31 and to claims 13 and 14 of the application as originally filed, which states that the valve can be an elastic valve member. Therefore, support for showing same in the drawings and for providing a corresponding description of same in the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments section was provided in the specification as originally filed. In the Amendment submitted on May 16, 2005, Figures 5A and 6A were added to show this elastic valve member as element 26A or 30A, and amendments were made to the specification on page 11 ("as shown in Figures 5A and 6A, to use an elastic valve member 26A or 30A to form the variable valve") to provide a corresponding description in the Detailed Description section. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are not new matter because of the provision of the material in the specification on page 4, lines 30-31 and claims 13 and 14 of the application as originally filed.

Applicant also submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would know how to make and use such an elastic valve member.

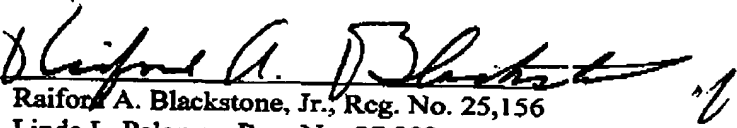
Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed "elastic valve member" is shown in the drawings and that a corresponding description has been provided in the Detailed Description section. Applicant further respectfully submits that this completes the Amendment filed on May 16, 2005 and overcomes the Examiner's objection. Entry and consideration of this response and the Amendment filed on May 16, 2005 is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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